

Poetry Unit Assignment: Poetry Book

DESCRIPTION

In the poetry unit we will be reading and writing a variety of forms of poetry. For your final project, you will be responsible for compiling a Poetry Book. In this book you will present good copies of your own poetry, a reflection on your writing experience, research and analysis of another poet's work, and a glossary of terminology with appropriate examples. Be creative!

REQUIREMENTS

Part One

- 1) **Your own Poetry:** In class you will learn about and write many forms of poetry. For this assignment you must include samples of each style, including:
 - a. Haiku (5 poems with pictures)
 - b. Cinquain (3 poems)
 - c. List Poem (1 poem)
 - d. Pantoum (1 poem)
 - e. Dramatic Monologue (1 poem), and
 - f. ONE of:
 - i. Villanelle
 - ii. Sestina
- 2) **Reflection on your Writing:** You must also include a journal telling me about your writing process. Did you enjoy writing poetry? Did it come easily to you? Did you struggle? Which form was your favourite? Why? Which of your poems is your favourite? How have your feelings towards poetry changed since our first class?

Part Two

- 3) **Research and Analysis:** For this section you must select a poem NOT examined in class and do a bit of research about the author. Try to find out information like dates of birth and death (if dead), family background, education, and profession. Next, analyze your selected poem as thoroughly as you can, including:
 - a. Structure: stanzas, meter, type of poem
 - b. Tone and Mood: how did the poet achieve this tone/mood?
 - c. Story: what is the "story" of the poem and the persona of the narrator
 - d. Figures of Speech: similes, metaphors, alliteration...and how these contribute
 - e. Content: ideas, themes
 - f. Response: why you chose this poem, how it "speaks" to you

Part Three

- 4) **Terminology:** In this section you are responsible for defining and giving examples of the poetry terms discussed in class. This section will be valuable for you when studying for the provincial exam, so take this opportunity to make yourself a useful study tool!

EVALUATION

This assignment will be evaluated with a rubric based on the quality of your written work (poems, reflection, and analysis), the depth of your research, and the appropriateness of your terminology definitions and examples. Your goal should be to present a professional looking and clearly organized book of work.

WORK TIME / DUE DATE

You will be given ample time in class to complete the majority of your poetry writing but be aware a decent amount of this assignment will have to be completed on your own time. As we progress through the unit you should seek out a poet to do research about – maybe a poem we study in class will inspire you! You will have one complete class to work on your assignment, but please note that the project will be due **AT THE END OF THE FOLLOWING CLASS!** Do not leave everything to the last minute!

Your Poetry Book will be due at the end of class on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2011**